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DECLARATION OF TRACY BRONNER

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I, Tracy Bronner, hereby state:

1. I am the Docket Coordinator for the Patent Department of Novo Nordisk® Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("NNPI"), the representatives of the applicants for the above-referenced patent application.

2. In 2002, the NNPI Patent Department relocated from its previous address at 405 Lexington Avenue, Suite 6400, New York, New York, 10174 to its current address at 100 College Road West, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. On September 11, 2002, a Request for Customer Number Data Change was filed with the Office providing this address for all applications associated with customer number 23650 (Exhibit A). A Notice of recordation of this change, dated September 12, 2002, was received in our office on September 26, 2002 (Exhibit B).

3. In accordance with my discussions with the US Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), I submitted a spreadsheet of patent applications assigned to Novo Nordisk® for

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association with this customer on November 12, 2003. Copies of the front page of this spreadsheet, page including a listing of this application, and express mail receipt for the mailing of this document to the USPTO are together attached hereto as Exhibit C.

4. ~~Despite taking these and other steps, we have continued to encounter problems in not receiving correspondence from the USPTO including Office Actions. The USPTO instructed us to include a request to use our customer number on all substantive papers filed in connection with an application, such as was included in the previous Amendment, which was filed in November 2003 (a copy of the signature page thereof is attached hereto as Exhibit D). Nonetheless, mailing address issues have still persisted, resulting in Office Actions not reaching NNPI in a timely matter, if at all. In all such cases that we have become aware of to date, the USPTO has reset the period for response.~~

5. To deal with these problems, we have recently instituted a policy of periodically reviewing our internal docket records versus PAIR. It was through this process, on or about July 22, 2004, that we determined that the most recent Office Action in this case, dated February 18, 2004, was never sent to our current address even after being returned to the USPTO. It was on or about that date that I relayed this information to Len Smith of our Patent Department.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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